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1. NORWAY'S NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO CANADA KNUTE HEDEMANN (PRONOUNCED HAY-DEMAN) RECENTLY COMPLETED ASSIGNMENT IN OSLO AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHERE HE WAS NORWAY'S FOREIGN AID AND AID POLICY CHIEF. HE IS 53 YEARS OLD AND HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN LONDON (NAC) IN 1951, PARIS (NATO AND OEEC) IN 1952-55; TEL AVIV (CHARGE) 1963; STOCKHOLM (COUNSELLOR) IN 1963; ANKARA (CHARGE) IN 1964 AND NAIROBI (AMBASSADOR) IN 1972. AT HOME HE HAS SERVED EXTENSIVELY IN FONMIN POLITICAL SECTION AND HEADE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

2. FROM HIS RECENT JOB HEDEMANN IS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON AID RELATED MATTERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE MULTILATERALAREA--HE PARTICIPATED ON NORWEGIAN DELEGATIONS TO UN FOOD AND POPULATION CONFERENCES--AND HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED HERE IN THIS FIELD. HE ALSO HAS STRONG BACKGROUND IN NATO AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

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3. HE HAS ONE YEAR OF SCHOOLING AT CARLTON COLLEGE

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IN MINNESOTA AND HAS HAD A NUMBER OF TRIPS TO THE
UNGA. BUT HE HAS HAD NO US ASSIGNMENT. HE HAS A
WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. HEDEMANN IS SOFT SPOKEN
PROFESSIONAL, HIGHLY RESPECTED, FORTHCOMING AND PLEASANT.

4. INR/OIL/ B MAY WISH PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
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